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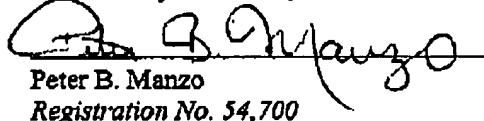
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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Appellants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief filed on September 21, 2005 that all limitations recited in claims 1-5, 8-10, 16-20, 22-28, 31-33, 39-43, and 45-46 are taught or suggested by Surf Smart! (published Oct. 18, 2000) <http://web.archive.org/web/20001018074520/http://cexx.org/gofaster.htm> ("Surf Smart"), HistoryKill (published Mar. 4, 2000) <http://web.archive.org/web/20000304120647/http://www.historykill.com> ("HistoryKill"), and Janis et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,155,850 ("Janis").

The cited prior art references do not teach or suggest "disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification" as recited in independent claims 1, 24, and 43 of the present invention. Moreover, the cited prior art references do not teach or suggest "displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session" as recited in independent claims 16, 39, and 45 of the present invention.

With regard to the Surf Smart prior art reference, Surf Smart teaches receiving user input to disable history recording processes associated with a browser. Surf Smart, pages 2-3. However, Surf Smart does not teach or suggest that the user input is an entry of a selected user identification. Examiner's Answer dated December 14, 2005, page 13. In contrast, independent claims 1, 16, 24, 39, 43, and 45 recite a "selected user identification." Therefore, since Surf Smart does not teach or suggest a selected user identification, then Surf Smart cannot teach or suggest disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification as recited in independent claims 1, 24, and 43 and displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session as recited in independent claims 16, 39, and 45. Consequently, Surf Smart does not teach or suggest these

recited features in independent claims 1, 16, 24, 39, 43, and 45.

With regard to the HistoryKill prior art reference, HistoryKill teaches the acceptance of a user identification input to disable history recording processes associated with a browser. HistoryKill screen capture, page 1. However, HistoryKill does not teach or suggest disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification as recited in independent claims 1, 24, and 43. Appellants agree with the Examiner that "HistoryKill does not teach wherein an identified session is identified based on the selected user identification." Final Office Action dated April 29, 2005, page 10. Furthermore, HistoryKill does not teach or suggest displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session as recited in independent claims 16, 39, and 45.

The present invention recited in independent claims 1, 16, 24, 39, 43, and 45 not only includes collecting history information on a browser for each identified user, but also includes collecting history information on a browser for multiple browser sessions, such as different times/dates, for each identified user. Support for this feature may be found in the specification on page 17, lines 20-22 and Figure 6. Thus, the recited "identified session" or "identification of a session" is not an entire browser history for the identified user, but is only one session from among many identified sessions for the identified user.

HistoryKill does not teach or suggest selecting and discarding an identified session from multiple identified sessions for an identified user. HistoryKill makes no reference to identification of different browser sessions. A user utilizing the method as taught by HistoryKill deletes all browser history for the identified user when the user "hits" the "kill" button on the HistoryKill screen capture. HistoryKill, page 1. No selectivity of browser sessions within the entire browser history for the identified user is permitted by HistoryKill.

This is especially evident with the HistoryKill Auto-Clearing function, which clears "histories, URLs, cookies, and cache files at Window's start-up" so that the user does not have to keep on "manually" clearing the user's tracks "after every web browsing session." HistoryKill, page 2. HistoryKill automatically clears all browser history for the identified user at Window's start-up using the Auto-Clear function. As a result, HistoryKill does not teach that the identified

user can select a session from among multiple sessions within the browser history for deletion.

Additionally, if the identified user does not utilize the HistoryKill Auto-Clear function, the identified user is required to manually clear the user's history after every Web browsing session. In other words, HistoryKill does not teach the retention of multiple sessions for an identified user. Even if, for the sake of argument, HistoryKill does retain multiple sessions for an identified user, once the identified user hits the kill button, all sessions for the identified user will be deleted. Therefore, HistoryKill neither teaches or suggests disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification as recited in independent claims 1, 24, and 43, nor displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session as recited in independent claims 16, 39, and 45. Hence, HistoryKill does not teach or suggest these recited features in independent claims 1, 16, 24, 39, 43, and 45.

With regard to the Janis prior art reference, Janis teaches a method for recording selected activity within a specified document within a specific time frame. Janis, column 2, lines 24-55. However, Janis does not teach or suggest all features recited in independent claims 1, 16, 24, 39, 43, and 45 of the present invention. First, Janis does not teach or suggest that the document history log is associated with an identified user, whereas the present invention recites a "selected user identification." Because Janis does not teach or suggest a selected user identification, then Janis cannot teach or suggest disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification as recited in independent claims 1, 24, and 43 and displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session as recited in independent claims 16, 39, and 45.

Second, Janis teaches that the time frame for recordation of document activity is determined by a user before a session, whereas in the present invention the time frame or length of a session is determined after the browser is closed by the identified user. Finally, Janis only

teaches a method for recording document activity in a history log, whereas the present invention recites "disabling" or "discarding" history for a selected browser session or sessions from a displayed identification of sessions associated with an identified user. As a result, Janis neither teaches or suggests disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification as recited in independent claims 1, 24, and 43, nor displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session as recited in independent claims 16, 39, and 45. Thus, Janis does not teach or suggest these recited features in independent claims 1, 16, 24, 39, 43, and 45.

Accordingly, because Surf Smart, HistoryKill, and Janis do not teach or suggest disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification as recited in independent claims 1, 24, and 43 and displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session as recited in independent claims 16, 39, and 45, the combination of Surf Smart, HistoryKill and Janis cannot teach or suggest these recited features in independent claims 1, 16, 24, 39, 43, and 45.

With regard to independent claims 18, 41, and 46 of the present invention, HistoryKill does not teach or suggest displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the domain as recited in independent claims 18, 41, and 46. HistoryKill teaches that an identified user may select "URL drop-list, History file, Cache, Cookies, or All" to kill within the selected "class" information with regard to the user's browsing activity on the Web. HistoryKill screen capture, page 1. HistoryKill only teaches discarding entire classes of information, such as URLs, history, cache, and cookies, for a browser session. HistoryKill does not teach or suggest that the identified user has the ability to make selections within a selected class. For example, the identified user, utilizing the method as taught by
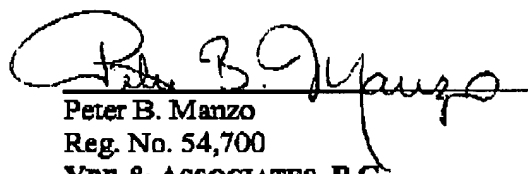
HistoryKill, cannot select specific cookies within the cookie file for removal. Instead, HistoryKill teaches that after the identified user selects cookies from the class list within the screen capture on page 1 and hits the kill button, all cookies within the cookie file are deleted. Thus, HistoryKill does not teach or suggest selective removal of information within a selected class of browser session information.

In contrast, independent claims 18, 41, and 46 recite displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected and responsive to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the domain. In other words, the identified user may select a domain name within a list of identified domains for discard from the browser history information using the present invention recited in independent claims 18, 41, and 46. As shown above, an identified user utilizing the system taught by HistoryKill does not have this ability to selectively remove browser history information from within a class. Therefore, HistoryKill does not teach or suggest these features recited in independent claims 18, 41, and 46 of the present invention.

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CONCLUSION

In addition to the comments above, Appellants rely on the Appeal Brief to rebut the Examiner's Answer. In view of the above, Appellants respectfully submit that claims 1-5, 8-10, 16-20, 22-28, 31-33, 39-43, and 45-46 are allowable over the cited prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Appellants respectfully request that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences not sustain the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action.

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CLAIMS APPENDIX

The text of the claims involved in the appeal are:

1.   A method in a data processing system for disabling collection of history information on a browser, the method comprising:

receiving a user input, wherein the user input is the entry of a selected user identification; and

responsive to receiving the user input, disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein the user input is one of a selection of a button, a selection of a menu option, or setting of a preference.

3.   The method of claim 2, wherein the preference is to disable the history recording processes when the browser is started.

4.   The method of claim 2, wherein the preference is to disable the history recording processes when a selected Web site is visited.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein the history recording processes includes at least one of a disk cache process, a history list process, a location list process, and a cookie storage process.

8.   The method of claim 1, wherein the selected user identification is a temporary user

identification.

9.   The method of claim 1, wherein the history recording processes are those for a particular domain.

10.   The method of claim 1, wherein the disabling step includes removing any history information recorded by the browser.

16.   A method in a data processing system for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the method comprising:

responsive to a selected event, displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification; and

responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information for the session.

17.   The method of claim 16, wherein the selected event is a termination of a browser session.

18.   A method in a data processing system for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the method comprising:

responsive to a selected event, displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected; and

responsive to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, discarding history information

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for the domain.

19.   The method of 18, wherein the selected event is a termination of a browser session.

20.   A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to receive a user input, wherein the user input is the entry of a selected user identification; disable history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session in response to receiving the user input, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification.

22.   A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to display an identification of sessions in response to a selected event, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification; and discard history information for the session in response to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification.

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23.   A data processing system comprising:

a bus system;

a communications unit connected to the bus system;

a memory connected to the bus system, wherein the memory includes a set of instructions; and

a processing unit connected to the bus system, wherein the processing unit executes the set of instructions to display an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected in response to a selected event; and discard history information for the domain in response to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification.

24.   A data processing system for disabling collection of history information on a browser, the data processing system comprising:

receiving means for receiving a user input, wherein the user input is the entry of a selected user identification; and

disabling means, responsive to receiving the user input, for disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification.

25.   The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the user input is one of a selection of a button, a selection of a menu option, or setting of a preference.

26.   The data processing system of claim 25, wherein the preference is to disable the history

recording processes when the browser is started.

27.   The data processing system of claim 25, wherein the preference is to disable the history recording processes when a selected Web site is visited.

28.   The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the history recording processes includes at least one of a disk cache process, a history list process, a location list process, and a cookie storage process.

31.   The data procession system of claim 24, wherein the selected user identification is a temporary user identification.

32.   The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the history recording processes are those for a particular domain.

33.   The data processing system of claim 24, wherein the disabling step includes removing any history information recorded by the browser.

39.   A data processing system for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the data processing system comprising:

displaying means, responsive to a selected event, for displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification; and

discarding means, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, for discarding history information for the session, wherein the user input is the entry of

the selected user identification.

40.   The data processing system of claim 39, wherein the selected event is a termination of a browser session.

41.   A data processing system for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the data processing system comprising:

displaying means, responsive to a selected event, for displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected; and

discarding means, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification, for discarding history information for the domain.

42.   The data processing system of 41, wherein the selected event is a termination of a browser session.

43.   A computer program product in a computer readable medium for disabling collection of history information on a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for receiving a user input, wherein the user input is the entry of a selected user identification; and

second instructions, responsive to receiving the user input, for disabling history recording processes associated with the browser for an identified session, wherein the identified session is identified based on the selected user identification.

45.   A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to a selected event, for displaying an identification of sessions, wherein the identification of a session is based on a selected user identification; and

second instructions, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a session from the identification of sessions, for discarding history information for the session, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification.

46.   A computer program product in a computer readable medium for selectively preventing collection of history information on a browser, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions, responsive to a selected event, for displaying an identification of domains in which a history information has been collected; and

second instructions, responsive to receiving a user input selecting a domain from the identification of domains, for discarding history information for the domain, wherein the user input is the entry of the selected user identification.

EVIDENCE APPENDIX

There is no evidence to be presented.

RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX

There are no related proceedings.